

ge·ra·ni·um

ge·ra·ni·um (jĕ-rā-nĭ-əm) *noun*

1. Any of various plants of the genus *Geranium*, having palmately divided leaves and pink or purplish flowers. Also called *cranesbill*.
2. Any of various plants of the genus *Pelargonium*, native chiefly to southern Africa and widely cultivated for their rounded, often variegated leaves and showy clusters of red, pink, or white flowers. Also called *storksbill*.
3. *Color*. A strong to vivid red.

[New Latin *Geranium*, genus name, from Latin *geranium*, cranes-bill, from Greek *geranion*, diminutive of *geranos*, crane.]

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